

**THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, LAKSHMI MAZUMDAR BHAWAN,  
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF VIRTUAL NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Virtual Meeting of National Planning Committee of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was held online via Zoom Webinar on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 at 4.00 P.M. under the chairmanship of Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.), Chief National commissioner. The following members were present:

1. Dr. K. K. Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.), Chief National Commissioner, BS&G Chairman.
2. Shri Kali Prasad Mishra, Vice-President, BS&G and State Chief Commissioner Odisha State.
3. Shri Satya Narayan Sharma, Vice-President, BS&G – Special Invitee.
4. Dr. (Smt.) Vimla Meghwal, Vice-President, BS&G – Special Invitee.
5. Smt. Geeta Natrajan, Vice-President, BS&G- Special Invitee.
6. Shri P.G.R. Shindia, Sect'y General President-In-Council BS&G and State Chief Commissioner Karnataka State.
7. Dr.H.P.Chhetri, Chief Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Sikkim State.
8. Dr.J.C.Mohanty, IAS (Retd.), International Commissioner of Scouts, BS&G and State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State.
9. Smt. Amelia Swer, International Commissioner of Guides, BS&G – Member.
10. Shri P.R.Nadkarni, National Commissioner of Cubs and State Chief Commissioner Goa State.
- 11.Dr.(Smt) V.Vijayalakshmi, National Commissioner of Guides- Member.
12. Dr. (Smt) Pankaj Mittal, National Commissioner of Rangers- Member.
13. Shri S.K. Biswas, National Commissioner of Scouts (Adult Resources) – Member.
14. Smt. K.Sandhya Rani, Dy. National Commissioner of Guides and State Chief Commissioner Andhra Pradesh State.
15. Shri Madhusudan Avala, Dy. International Commissioner of Scouts- Member.
16. Shri Manish Kumar Mehta, NHQ Commissioner (Coordination)- Member.
17. Shri Abhinav Bajaj, Advocate- Honaray Legal Advisor BSG- Special Invitee.
18. Shri Ashutosh Kumar, Advocate, Honaray Legal Advisor BSG- Special invitee.
19. Shri Janardanbhai D. Pandya, National Advisor (Finance) and State Chief Commissioner Gujarat. State

20. Shri Om Prakash Bakoria, State Chief Commissioner Maharashtra State.
21. Shri L.Kumar, State Chief Commissioner Puducherry State.
22. Shri Bikram Singh Rana, State Commissioner (S) U.T. Chandigarh State.
23. Shri Amitabh Ojha, State Chief Commissioner N.C. Railway State.
24. Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, State Chief Commissioner Southern Railway State.
25. Shri Jeevan Babu K, State Chief Commissioner Kerala State.
26. Shri Kamlesh Kumar, State Chief Commissioner Andaman & Nicobar Island State.
27. Dr. A.K. Sinha, State Chief Commissioner Central Railway State.
28. Shri Shivam Sharma
29. Shri Shushant Jha, State Chief Commissioner E.C. Railway State.
30. Shri Vikram Singh, State Commissioner of Scouts South Central Railway State.
31. Shri T. Gopal Krishnan, State Chief Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti State.
32. Shri Chandrajeet Saikia – State Chief Commissioner N.F. Railway State.
33. Shri A. K. Absar Hazarika, State Chief Commissioner Assam State.
34. Shri Ibopishak Singh. Singh, State Chief Commissioner Manipur State.
35. Smt. Diana E. Kharsing. State Commissioner of Guides Meghalaya State.
36. Shri Sania Leij, State Chief Commissioner Arunachal Pradesh State.
37. Smt. Jaba Paul, State Commissioner of Guides Tripura State.
38. Smt. Seema Jaunsari, State Chief Commissioner Uttarakhand State.
39. Shri Manoj Arora, State Chief Commissioner Western Railway State.
40. Shri R. Bhaskaran, State Chief Commissioner , S.W. Railway State.
41. Shri O.P. Mehra, State Chief Commissioner, North Western Railway State.
42. Shri B.S. Dohare, State Chief Commissioner N. E. Railway State.
43. Shri Paras Chand Jain, State Chief Commissioner Madhya Pradesh State.
44. Shri Vinod Sevan Lal Chandrakar, State Chief Commissioner Chhattisgarh State.

45. Shri Krishnaswamy. R, Joint Director of Scouts – Member.
46. Smt. Darshana Pawaskar, Joint Director of Guides – Member.
47. All Deputy Directors Bharat Scouts and Guides- Observers.
48. All Assistant Directors Bharat Scouts and Guides- Observers.
49. All HODs Bharat Scouts and Guides – Observers.
40. Shri Raj Kumar Kaushik, Director, BS&G& Convenor.

The meeting started with Scout/Guide prayer. The Convenor welcomed Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner & Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman welcomed all members present in the meeting. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner in his welcome address lauded the role of Scouts & Guides, Rovers & Rangers and adult leaders in supporting the Govt. as well as District/Local administration and agencies all over the country by rendering yeoman services at this national crisis to combat COVID-19. He also appealed to all the State Associations for their continued support and motivation to the members to render their services with much zeal and vigour in the community to fight against COVID pandemic.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner informed the house about the virtual meeting held with the Secretary of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and intimated about gesture of appreciation solicited to the Bharat Scouts and Guides by the Ministry for the commendable work done in the country as COVID warriors. He also informed the house that he is having cordial relationship with the present Secretary of Youth Affairs Mr. Usha Sharma, I.A.S. and he assumes that all pending issues in the past of the organisation will be resolved including the matter of Rashtrapati Scout and Guide award.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner also informed the house that the matter pertaining to Rashtrapati award issue was followed-up with the Ministry in February 2020. The Ministry desires to include a provision of 3<sup>rd</sup> party assessment system in the Rashtrapati award selection process. Due to sudden nationwide lockdown the matter cannot be processed further. The appropriate action in this matter will be taken after reopening of lockdown on priority.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner appreciated the innovative three supplementary agenda points added by Shri P.G.R. Sindhia, Secretary General President-In-Council & State Chief Commissioner Karnataka State. He requested Mr. Sindhia to brief the house about it before proceeding to the agenda wise item of the meeting.

Mr. P.G.R. Sindhia informed about

**Supplementary agenda No. 8 “Care & Share”**. He has made an appeal to all the Members of the Bharat Scouts and Guides through the State Chief Commissioner to contribute a minimum amount of

Rs 10/- per member to the Prime Minister Care Fund/ Chief Minister Relief Fund to support the Govt. in fighting COVID-19 pandemic in the country. He also informed that 50% of the total collection can be retained in the State for Chief Minister Relief Fund and 50% amount to be remitted to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National Association where BSG will further hand over to Prime Minister Care Fund. This proposal is unanimously accepted and supported by all members present in the meeting and appreciated the idea and its name "Care & Share". Director BSG has informed the house that circular in this regard towards contribution to PM Care Fund was already issued and all the State Associations are appealed to contribute in BSG Account so that contributions can be released collectively in PM Cares Fund from the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

#### **Supplementary agenda No. 9 "Mask Bank"-**

Shri Shindia briefed the house that face mask will be one of the mandatory component of our daily lives due to prevailing COVID pandemic in the country. He suggested the house to initiate a Mask Bank Project in the Bharat Scouts and Guides at all level. He also suggested inviting all other Youth Organisations and Self Help Groups to support the initiatives of BSG. It is proposed that each member of the organisation to prepare at least 10 Masks. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner highly appreciated the innovative idea and agreed to the proposal of Mr.Sindhia. The house unanimously accepted the proposal. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner suggested that this initiative is to be written to the Ministry. He also directed the Director to issue circular in this regard immediately. Shri K.P. Mishra, Vice-President & State Chief Commissioner Odisha State and Dr. Mohanty, State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State informed that their State has already initiated in preparation of Mask and as of now Odisha State has prepared about 5 lakhs Mass. This is highly appreciated by the members present.

#### **Supplementary agenda No. 10 "Membership Growth Proposal of BSG"-**

Shri P.G.R.Sindhia invited Director BSG to apprise the house about Membership Growth Proposal of BSG. Director informed the house that BSG in partnership with World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM) has proposed a target to reach 5000000 Scout membership by 2023. He further informed the house that in this regard, NHQ has requested all the State Associations to appoint a State Growth Coordinator who will coordinate towards membership growth task in the respective State. He informed that out of 54 State Associations, only 42 States have appointed their State Coordinator for Membership Growth so far. He further appealed the house to appoint the State Coordinator for Membership Growth who is yet to comply with. He informed the house that Director, BSG further intimated the house that in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase as a pilot project, National Headquarters have earmarked 07 (Seven) potential State Associations i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Telengana, Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh to initiate towards membership growth starting this academic year 2020-2021 and will further proceed to target other 10-15 potential State Associations in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner desired that revised plan which is pending may be submitted immediately to WOSM and urge to organise meetings pertaining to membership growth keeping the matter on priority. Director BSG informed that the matter is being processed on priority and the revised plan etc. will be submitted to WOSM after opening of lockdown. Dr. (Smt) Pankaj Mittal, National Commissioner of Rangers. informed the house that she has proposed to organise All India Vice-Chancellors Conference sometimes after the

lockdown where she will insist about scouting and guiding and will request the National Headquarters to deliver a session on opening of Rovering and Ranging in the universities.

#### **Agenda item No.1- Proposed Schedule of Events 2020-2021:**

The proposed schedule of events 2020-21 is projected in the screen with a request for addition/deletion/insertion, if any. The proposed schedule of National & Regional Events 2020-2021 is approved by the house with the following suggestions.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner insisted that "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat" is a Govt. of India initiative initiated by Hon'ble Prime Minister. Apart from organising this event in National/Regional level, it is also suggested to organise such event in partnership by the State Association in coordination and with mutual agreement. He sets an example that a youth of Haryana can visit Tamilnadu State to undertake cultural exchange programme where participants can learn history, traditional culture, food habits etc. of one another under the mission Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat and similarly Tamilnadu can visit other State and vice versa.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner also suggested that State can coordinate with respective Election Commission and observe Voter's Day annually on 25<sup>th</sup> January. He also suggested that a letter is to be written to the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to include Bharat Scouts and Guides in the National Youth Festival organised to commemorate National Youth Day every year. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner has also put forth his views whether it is possible to organise all events in Post COVID situation. Director BSG is authorised to finalize the schedule of event 2020-21 accordingly as per the present need based on govt. notification and circulate further.

Smt. K.Sandhya Rani, Dy. National Commissioner of Guides and State Chief Commissioner Andhra Pradesh State informed that the State is unable to host the event earmarked at Sl. No. 77 Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (N.I.Camp) for Scouts and Guides.

Shri P.G.R.Shindia, Secretary General President-In-Council and State Chief Commissioner Karnataka State submitted that Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat be included with 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi. He also proposed to permit him to organise this event via Webinar in May, 2020. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner duly accepted the proposal.

Hon'ble Chief national Commissioner appreciated the State Chief Commissioner of Odisha and Sikkim State respectively for organising National Integration Camp in their State successfully. He lauded the role of Dr. H.P. Chhetri in organising N.I.Camp at Sikkim in a grand manner with the support of the Govt. of Sikkim. Shri K.P.Mishra informed that every district association had organised National Integration Camp last year where young people got a learning opportunity and share his/her culture with others. The young people are very much excited in participating in such event to expose unity and diversity.

Further Shri Om Prakash Bakoria, State Chief Commissioner Maharashtra State informed the house that the State is organising National Youth Camp at Wardha to commemorate 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on the theme "Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat"

#### **Agenda item No.2- Introduction of Beginners Course Online:**

Director BSG informed the house that Beginners Course is introduced in the organisation in the year 2019 to bring more and more adult leaders in the movement. As the lockdown forces us to stop all the activities, the virtual platforms for various learning programmes were being explored by our members to support COVID-19 related activities. He informed that the Staff of National Headquarters stationed at different locations were assigned with creating self-learning modules for introduction of scouting and guiding as per the syllabus of the Beginner's Course. He submitted the proposal that the National Planning Committee may approve the introduction of online training for Beginner's Course to provide training to more and more people interested in supporting opening of units. Those who under-go Beginner's Course online will be awarded digital course completion certificate. Shri P.G.R. Sindhia, Secretary General President-In-Council & State Chief Commissioner Karnataka State raised a question whether State Association is permitted to organise Beginner's Course at their level. Director BSG informed the house that State Association who is competent enough can organise Beginner's Courses online at their level. NHQ do not have any objection to it. He further informed that those State who need support from NHQ for conducting Beginner's Course online may communicate and NHQ will fully assist and support such State Association in delivery of their expertise. The house approved to the proposed of introducing Beginner's Course online through NHQ as a welcome gesture.

Shri P.G.R. Sindhia, Secretary General President-In-Council & State Chief Commissioner Karnataka State informed that due to prevailing lockdown situation in the country, National Headquarters may have financial challenges in disbursement of salary of its staff, hence he suggested that to Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner that few staff (Professionals) may be transferred on deputation from National Headquarters to State Headquarters for a period of 1-2 years where his/her salary can be paid by the State who is capable to shoulder this monetary responsibility and support NHQ in this regard. The Hon'ble chairman accepted the proposal.

#### **Agenda item No.3- I.R.F. and Flag Day Dues:**

Director BSG has made an appeal to the House that the State Association who are yet to remit Membership Fee (IRF) & Affiliation Fee and Flag Day Contribution for the year 2018-2019 are requested to remit the same latest by 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020. He informed the house that total amount of **Rs 2,27,26,930/-** is recoverable towards Membership Fee and **Rs 1,92,41,711/-** is outstanding against Flag Day contribution for the year 2018-2019. He also displayed on the screen that Flag Day Contribution outstanding from the year 2014 up to 2019 is **Rs 2, 46, 51,146/-** against the State Association. Shri P.G.R.Sindhia, SCC Karnataka, Mr. O.P. Bakouriya, SCC, Maharashtra and Dr.J.C.Mohanty, SCC Rajasthan has assured that Membership dues will be remitted immediately to BSG HQ. All others State Chief Commissioners have assured that the dues will be remitted before the deadline. The Director requested all the members to ensure the transfer of dues by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 for which all agreed. **(Outstanding dues towards IRF and Flag Day Contribution is enclosed herewith at Annexure-A)**

#### **Agenda item No.4- Supply Service Department (SSD) Dues:**

Director BSG through display on screen has informed that an amount of **Rs 52,28,771/-** is lying outstanding up to 27.04.2020 against the due of Supply Service Department of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. He made an appeal to the house that the outstanding dues to be remitted immediately so that NHQ may also procure more materials to satisfy the need of the State

Associations. State Chief Commissioners have assured that the dues will be remitted before the deadline. **(Outstanding dues against SSD is enclosed herewith at Annexure-B)**

Further Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner has authorised Dr, J.C.Mohanty, International Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State to supervise the Supply Service Department of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and ensure delivery of quality materials. He also stressed that quality of materials to be improved along with its cost which is to be taken on priority soon after reopening of lockdown.

**Agenda item No.5- Amendments in Rules of the Bharat Scouts and Guides:**

Director BSG informed the house that amendments in Rules of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was approved by the National Council in its meeting held on 24.11.2019 and has given responsibility to Dr. H.P. Chhetri, Chief Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Sikkim State to reform the rules. Dr. Chhetri after reforming certain amendments in the rules book submitted the reformed draft to the National Headquarters. Director BSG further informed that after reforming rules at all level of the Association, the book is now under final proof reading and within a month the final amended rules will be circulated to all the Hon'ble members/State Associations.

Dr, J. C. Mohanty, International Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State informed the house that the amendments in the rules required for the National Association was already done during the previous year accordingly. The rules to be amended for the National Association may be incorporated but rules envisaged for the State Association need not be amended now and allow some more time to go through with the rules and appropriate suggestions will be put forth. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner agreed to the proposal of Dr.J. C.Mohanty and informed the house that it will be taken care-off.

**Agenda item No.6- Update on 18<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree:**

Director BSG requested Dr. J.C.Mohanty, International Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State to share the update about proposal to host the 18<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree. Dr, J.C.Mohanty, International Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State informed the house that the matter is put forth before the Govt. of Rajasthan. The Govt. is willing to accept the proposal but next year in February, 2021. He informed that Jamboree site is earmarked in 02 places of Rajasthan i.e. Jaipur and Jodhpur. The matter of Jamboree can only be expedited after the reopening of nationwide lockdown. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner accepted the proposal of Rajasthan. Regarding dates, it will be finalised by seeing the academic examinations.

Dr.(Smt) V.Vijayalakshmi, National Commissioner of Guides informed the house that February-March is the exam schedule hence it should also be taken care off. Dr.H.P.Chhetri, Chief Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner of Sikkim State suggested that presently fix the month for organising Jamboree and dates can be schedule at the later stage. Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner informed the house that fixing the time, date & month of the Jamboree lies in the discretion of the host State hence, he authorised Dr, J.C.Mohanty, International Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State to look into the matter.



Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner also insisted that Jamboree for Scouts and Guides may be organised frequently with 1000 to 5000 participants as Mini Jamboree and coincide with National Youth Festival. He advised Shri Krishnaswamy. R, Joint Director of Scouts/Executive Director, BSG to prepare a document of Jamboree and model plan with concept paper.

During the discussion of Jamboree, the matter of Khelo India & Youth Festival of Govt. of India is raised by Shri O.P. Bakoriya, State Chief Commissioner Maharashtra State. Director BSG has displayed schedule of event on the screen at Sl. No. 112 "Olympic Games for Scouts & Guides". Dr, J.C.Mohanty, International Commissioner of Scouts and State Chief Commissioner Rajasthan State informed the house that he had tried the same event in his State at Rajasthan State but not fully satisfied. Hence, he suggested that this may be organised as a pilot project at Regional level before we proceed to organise at the national level.

Director BSG invited Shri Vinod Chandrakar, State Chief Commissioner Chhattisgarh State to update their proposal in hosting the 18<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree. SCC Chhattisgarh informed the house that due to COVID-19 pandemic, the State Govt. is running shortage of funds. Therefore the proposal of hosting the Jamboree is rejected by the Govt for the year 2020 and the matter cannot be assured even for the next year 2021, Shri Satya Narayan Sharma, Vice-President BSG also supported the views of SCC Chhattisgarh State.

#### **Agenda item No.7- COVID-19 Reporting:**

Director BSG apprised the house about yeoman services rendered by the members of the Bharat Scouts and Guides and recognition of services by the Govt. of India as well as State/District/Local administration, agencies, Print & Electronic Media. He informed the house about adoption of Shelter homes in Delhi by BSG NHQ and its activities. Message of Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner and some video clippings of media report is displayed on the screen.

Shri Paras Chand Jain, State Chief Commissioner Madhya Pradesh requested Chief National Commissioner to initiate with the Ministry to include the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Govt. of India Portal as COVID Warrior.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner appealed to all the Members in the house to forward the list of Scouts & Guides, Rovers & Rangers and adult leaders above 14 years of age to National Headquarters on priority so that at least 4 lakhs members of the Bharat Scouts and Guides may be registered with the Govt. of India at the first phase.

Shri P.G.R. Shindia, State Chief Commissioner informed that 1000 youths are working in the field to fight COVID-19, these 1000 list will be forwarded the next day and the balance will be sent by next week.

Shri Manish Kumar Mehta, NHQ Commissioner (Coordination) appreciated the effort of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in supporting the Govt. by rendering various yeoman services to fight COVID-19 in the country and requested all to salute to Chief National Commissioner, Director and NHQ professionals for their dedication. All the members given salute.

#### **Agenda item No 8.- Any Other matter with the permission of the Chair:**



Director, BSG apprised the Hon'ble House about Online Membership Registration (Youth Portal) of the Bharat Scouts and Guides. He requested the Hon'ble members to start implementing online registration. The target of online registration is given as 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.2020. He also informed that in future all Progressive Advancement of the Youths, Registration for participation in International event, Reporting etc. will be online from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

Director also requested to send the available list of Scouts, Guides, Rovers and Rangers within a week and if the list is not available, google form created by NHQ may be got filled directly from the youth.

Hon'ble Chief National Commissioner appreciated for having good number of participation in virtual meeting and insisted that in future more and more such meetings may be organised. The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks to the Chair and members by the Director and National Anthem was played.



( R.K.KAUSHIK)  
CONVENOR



(Dr.K.K.KHANDELWAL)  
CHAIRMAN